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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Claims

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- 1. A method for distributing information or services through a network, comprising the steps of
- composing a piece of information or service to be distributed
- 5 compiling (301, 301', 302, 601, 602) a list of intended recipients
 - releasing (304, 304', 603) said piece of information or service so that it becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list,

characterized in that it comprises additionally the step of

- as a response to an indication (305, 401, 606) of a certain recipient having accessed (605) said piece of information or service, crediting (306, 608) an account associated with said certain recipient.
 - 2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of crediting (306, 608) an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of
 - identifying an account representing the rights of said certain recipient to use certain services through said network and
 - crediting said identified account.
- 3. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of crediting (306, 608) an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of
 - identifying an account the identifier of which has been intentionally provided by said certain recipient and
- 25 crediting said identified account.
 - 4. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of releasing (304, 304', 603) said piece of information or service comprises the substep of indicating to at least part of the recipients appearing on said list that accessing said piece of information or service will cause a certain account associated with said certain recipient to be credited.
 - 5. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substep of transmitting (304, 304') said piece of information or service to a number of subscriber terminals.
 - 6. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of releasing said piece of information or service comprises the substeps of

- storing (603) said piece of information or service to a place which is accessible for subscriber terminals through a network and
- transmitting to a number of subscriber terminals an indication (604) of said piece of information or service being available at said place.
- 7. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the step of crediting an account associated with said certain recipient comprises the substeps of
- defining the time it has taken for said indication to be received and
- crediting said account by an amount which is inversely proportional to said time.

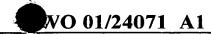
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- 8. An arrangement for distributing information or services through a network (201), comprising
- a source of information or services (202, 701, 705)
- a number of subscriber terminals (203, 801)
- means (204, 1001, 1003) for maintaining accounts associated with certain subscribers,

characterized in that it comprises

- means (806) for providing an indication of a certain recipient having accessed a piece of information or service and
- means (708, 1004) for responding to said indication by crediting an account associated with said certain recipient.
 - 9. An arrangement according to claim 8, characterized in that it comprises
 - a service provider's terminal (202, 701)
- 25 a database server (205, 901)
 - an account server (204, 1001);
 - wherein said service provider's terminal (202, 701) is arranged to operate as said source or information or services, said account server (204, 1001) is arranged to operate as said means for maintaining accounts associated with certain subscribers,
- and said database server (205, 901) is arranged to maintain data identifying certain subscribers and associating the identified subscribers with certain contact information through which information or services is deliverable to the identified subscribers.
- 35 10. An arrangement according to claim 9, characterized in that it additionally comprises a service or information server (501, 1101) which is arranged to store pieces of information or services in a form accessible to subscriber terminals.





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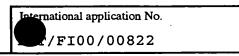
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial appli			
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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims Claims	1-10	YES NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims Claims	1-10	YES NO
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Documents cited in the international search report:

- [D1] WO 9722074
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The method in D1 involves generating a consumer interest provides information for a customer and distribution to consumers. The interest profile is compared with the provided information. Based on the comparison it is determined whether the consumer interest profile matches the provided information. If the determination shows a match, the information is automatically delivered to the customer. compensated for paying attention the is information. The compensation is performed as an electronic compensation transaction, and is a conditioning compensation based on the successful completion of one or more further The method relates to techniques for delivering events. information electronically and to techniques for delivering positively and negatively priced intellectual property, also provides mechanisms including advertising. It attention brokerage and establishing markets that allow advertisers to compete for attention of particular consumer or group of consumers, thereby maximising efficiency and creating value (Abstract; page 7-page 10 and claims 1-33).

D2 relates to a method and system for distributing financial and other services to remote locations, and more specifically, providing banking type financial transaction handling via

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remote data terminals located in users' homes, offices or other locations (i.e., "home banking" or "remote banking"). Still more specifically, one aspect of the invention involves using the ATM (automatic teller machine) network (interchange) as a data communications network for conducting banking financial transactions from homes and offices (abstract and claims).

method apparatus for providing and D3 reveals a communication service in which sponsors pay for communication services initiated by a caller. A caller may invoke the service by entering only the telephone number identifying the desired connection. A communication switch interprets the digits entered by the caller, determines whether the caller wishes to invoke the advertiser supported communication service and if so plays a message to the caller. At the end of the message the communication switch completes the desired connection.

D4 relates to a sponsored-call service feature that enables callers to obtain network-provided telecommunication services toil-free or at a subsidised rate. The sponsored-call service permits a third party sponsor to convey commercial messages to and interact with a caller prior to the caller's access to the network-provided services. After the caller's interaction with the sponsor, the network gives the caller a sponsored-specified restricted access to the network-provided services.

D5 reveals a system that provides an economical telephone toll service where telephone subscribers select the economical service by sending an appropriate signal, and then dials his directory assistance call or other telephone toll call.

The method in D6 involves connecting the telephone of a first subscriber to the telephone of a second subscriber, via a standard telephone network. The first subscriber dials a subscriber number, preceded by a prefix, which leads to a third subscriber.

In D7 cellular telephone system, is provided with an ad server and a memory for holding various commercial messages. The messages are either generic, or are tailored for specific demographically selected subscribers, or geographic cells. When communication is established either between a subscriber or a non-subscriber, at least one of them gets either a generic or a specific commercial message.

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Documents D3-D7 are state of the art documents that are used to give a better perspective for understanding the claimed invention.

The invention according to independent amended claims 1 and 8 differs from D1 by compiling a list of intended recipients and by releasing the piece of information or service, in the right form of transmission, so that it becomes accessible to the recipients appearing on said list. Both systems are based on compensating a subscriber for paying attention to a certain advertisement. Also that the compensation (crediting) is made as a response to an indication of that the recipient has accessed the information is mentioned in D1. It is mentioned in D1, that an icon or some other indication can be sent to a consumer allowing the consumer to choose whether to access the information or not, and upon accessing the information being compensated therefore. It is not considered obvious to a person skilled in the art to reach the claimed invention only with reference to D1 nor by the combination of D1 and D2.

It is not clearly mentioned in D1 that a time-based compensation can be implemented, or that the service provider operates as a source of information or services. The service provider functions are however clearly mentioned in D2.

D8 is a document that the applicant wants to point at and which came to the attention of the applicant through an Office Action from the Finish Patent Office. D8 discloses a method and an arrangement for actively distributing user-beneficial advertisements to the portable pagers of a numbers of users. The advertiser places his advertisement messages into an advertisement buffer of the paging service provider, which then transmits selected advertisement messages to the users' pagers. However, this document also fails to explicitly disclose a specifically composed list of intended recipients: Also the transmission of information in the right form is not mentioned.

Thus, the invention according to claims 1-10 is novel, is considered to involve an inventive step and to have industrial applicability.